

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 1, please amend the Title starting at line 1 to read as follows:

METHODS OF AND APPARATUS FOR RESTORING TESTS
EXECUTION AFTER UNEXPECTED CRASHES IN A DISTRIBUTED
TEST FRAMEWORK

On page 1, please amend the paragraph starting at line 12 to read as follows:

This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/953,223, filed September 11, 2001, and entitled "Distributed Processing Framework System," which is incorporated herein by reference. This application is also related to U.S. Application No. 09/989,928 (Attorney Docket No. SUNMP030), filed November 20, 2001, and entitled "Methods to Develop Remote Applications with Built in Feedback Ability for Use in a Distributed Test Framework," which is incorporated herein by reference.

On page 4, please amend the paragraph starting at line 2 to read as follows:

Broadly speaking, the present invention fills these needs by providing an ability to restore remote test execution from the point of interruption. As a result, a user can restart the execution of a test suite from the point where a crash has occurred. In one embodiment, a system for restoring execution of an application program after interruption in a distributed processing framework (DPF) is disclosed. The system includes a post mortem object that stores point of execution information for an application program. The point of execution information is periodically updated to reflect a current point of execution within the application program at a time of the update. In addition, the system includes an agent process that executes on a processing resource, such as a test

system. The agent process is capable of utilizing the post mortem object to reinitialize the application program to begin execution from a position described by the point of execution information.

On page 25, please amend the paragraph starting at line 8 to read as follows:

In response to receiving the information request 504, the test harness 502 provides the test execution information 506 to the agent process 120. As mentioned above, the test execution information 506 includes the current point of execution within the suite. As a result, the agent process can determine which tests are currently executing. To facilitate the two-way communication between the test harness 502 and the agent process 120, embodiments of the present invention can utilize a user design service (UDS). The UDS is an interface configuration, which allows two-way communication between an agent process and a launched application. As a result, the UDS allows enhanced test execution management. Further information regarding the UDS can be found in U.S. Application No. 09/989,928 (Attorney Docket No. SUNMP030), filed November 20, 2001, and entitled "Methods to Develop Remote Applications with Built in Feedback Ability for Use in a Distributed Test Framework," which is incorporated herein by reference.